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This e-newsletter summarizes events taking place in the U. S. Congress that affect the State of Michigan, with particular emphasis on Michigan's 13th Congressional District. A printable version of this e-newsletter will also be available on my website: www.house.gov/kilpatrick.

Hill Highlights

Legislative Action for 10/29/07 through 11/02/07

H. Res. 573, Darfur Peacekeeping – This resolution urges the United States to work with international partners to support a negotiated settlement to the conflict in Darfur. The measure also recognizes the efforts of U.S. advocacy groups to increase awareness about the genocide in Sudan. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this bill, which passed the House unanimously.

H. R. 3446, Michael Schragg Post Office – This bill designates the Post Office in Marshall, Michigan as the Michael Schragg Post Office. This legislation recognizes the achievements of Postmaster Schragg while he was the Postmaster of the U.S. Post Office in Marshall, Michigan and his efforts to initiate and develop the Marshall Postal Museum. The Congresswoman supported this legislation, which passed by a vote of 415 to 9.

H. R. 3867, Small-Business Contracts – This measure overhauls the way the Small Business Administration awards contracts to small businesses, especially those owned by women and disabled veterans. Essentially, it raises the limit on federal contracts, other than for manufacturing, awarded without competition to \$5.1 million. It also allows for sole-source contracting to businesses owned by disabled veterans and limits competition for federal contracts to women-owned businesses. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this bill, which passed the House by a vote of 334 to 80.

H. R. 3920, Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Reauthorization – This legislation expands government benefits for workers who are left jobless by foreign trade. The bill reauthorizes the TAA program, which provides retraining and wage and health insurance subsidies to workers who lose their jobs because of trade, globalization, and other causes. Further, it includes health care tax credits and a wage subsidy program for laid-off workers. The bill provides incentives for states to expand their unemployed insurance programs and expands the TAA program to include service workers, including those in the public sector. The Congresswoman voted in support of this measure, which passed by a vote of 264 to 157.

H. R. 2262, Hard Rock Mining Overhaul – This measure installs federal regulations of hard-rock minerals, which include copper, uranium, and gold. This bill imposes new environmental standards for the mining industry and expands the types of land on which mining would be prohibited. It requires mining companies to pay royalties for hard-rock mines on federal land, with two-thirds of the royalties going toward cleaning abandoned mines. The remaining one third would go to provide public facilities and services in areas affected by hard-rock mining. Congresswoman Kilpatrick supported this measure, which passed the House by a vote of 244 to 166.

To read more about these measures or any other legislation, please visit the Library of Congress' legislative information site at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

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Congresswoman Kilpatrick to Host Diabetes

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**Congresswoman Kilpatrick to Host Diabetes
Awareness Fair on November 20**

Congresswoman Kilpatrick will host a diabetes awareness fair on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Samaritan Center, located at 5555 Conner in Detroit.



"Regular check-ups and exams are the best ways to determine risk for developing diabetes and to manage the disease and its complications," said Congresswoman Kilpatrick. "This event is designed to provide our community with access to information and resources that will help us improve our health. I invite everyone in Michigan's 13th Congressional District to join me as we work to build healthier families and stronger communities."

Come find out if you are at risk of developing diabetes, discuss strategies for preventing and/or managing the disease and its complications, and learn how to make healthy lifestyle changes. Participants will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from Henry Ford Health System, the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, and Gift of Life MOTTEP. Free health screenings will be provided. For more information, at (313) 965-9004.

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